

SUGAR TRUST  
PAYS BILLWhich Government Had For  
Unpaid Duties

## AMOUNT WAS APPROVED

But Action of Government in Approving  
It Does Not Prevent Criminal Ac-  
tion Being Brought Against  
Those Responsible.

New York, Feb. 8.—The National Sugar Refining company to-day paid to the United States government \$694,304.37, the amount which the expert's examination of the books showed was due from the company on sugars imported, on which no duty was paid. Deputy Attorney General Dennison stated afterwards that the settlement, although approved by the government, did not prevent criminal prosecution against those who were accused of being responsible for the failure to collect the right amount for the government.

## STOLE MONEY FROM LETTERS.

Messenger Boy Confesses to Practice for  
Over a Year.

Boston, Feb. 9.—John H. Haddon, 17 years old, of 47 Logan avenue, Medford, confessed at police headquarters yesterday that he had been stealing from letters which he carried from the Boston post office to the office of the Boston Commercial for over a year and had secured about \$20 a week.

Haddon was employed as messenger by the trade paper proprietors, and it was his practice to enter some place between the post office and his employers' where he would hold the various letters to the light and open those which he thought contained money. Yesterday post office inspectors sent six decoy letters to the light and open those which he thought contained money. Yesterday post office inspectors sent six decoy letters to the light and open those which he thought contained money.

WILL ASSIST  
FLOOD VICTIMS

By Replacing Furniture and Household  
Effects.—Most of the Money Con-  
tributed by Foreign Countries  
Will be Thus Used.

Paris, Feb. 9.—In an official statement to the United Press to-day, Aristide Briand, premier minister of the interior, said that the government proposes, as far as possible, to recompense the workmen for losses sustained by the flood by replacing their furniture and household effects. Gifts from foreign countries, including America, with the \$4,000,000 asked from the chamber of deputies, will be devoted largely to this purpose.

## \$400 FINE FOR KILLING MAN.

Rangeley Hunter Mistook Companion for  
Deer.

Farmington, Me., Feb. 9.—One of the first sentences imposed since the passage of the statute making it a criminal offense to kill a person while hunting was given yesterday by Judge King in the supreme court. A fine of \$400 and costs was given Mial Lamb of Rangeley, who pleaded guilty to carelessly killing his companion, Ralph Coleman of Auburn, whom he mistook for a deer. Lamb paid.

ABDUL HAMID'S ATTEMPT  
TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Tried to Hang Himself in Prison and,  
Being Hindered, Kicked, Clawed  
and Bit Until Put in Straight  
Jacket.

Constantinople, Feb. 9.—Abdul Hamid is reported as having made an unsuccessful attempt to hang himself in prison at the palace in Salonika, while suffering from a fit of insanity, to which he has been subject since his deposition. When prevented from hanging himself, he kicked, clawed and bit the guards, who put him in a straight jacket.

## BULLET ENDS HIS TROUBLES.

Caspar Limbach's Death Due to McKin-  
ley's Assassination.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—Sending a bullet into his body yesterday Caspar Limbach, a German deservator, put himself beyond the alleged persecution of his neighbors since the assassination of William McKinley.

In September, 1901, while McKinley lay mortally wounded at Buffalo, Limbach, because of his alleged fiery remarks, is said to have become the object of persecution in the various communities of the State.

Repeatedly he was beaten and driven from one borough to another.

Once in Belthover, a noose was placed around his neck, upon his refusal to retract remarks he was alleged to have made, but not until it was tight, read, and he saw he was about to be jerked into the air over the arm of a telephone pole, did he announce publicly his apologies.

Within the past few weeks Limbach's mind began to give way, and he became possessed of the idea that his enemies would confine him to an asylum. He was released from a hospital but a short while ago.

FOUND GUILTY  
ON EVERY COUNT

Surgeon Robnett Convicted by Court-  
martial and Given Same Punish-  
ment as Paymaster  
Auld.

Boston, Feb. 9.—Passed Assistant Surgeon Assey Hamilton Robnett, U. S. N., was found guilty yesterday of the entire charge preferred against him by the navy department.

The penalty recommended is the same as that fixed in the Auld case last week. Dr. Robnett, like Paymaster Auld, will be retained in the service, but the court-martial advises that he be reduced a certain number of points in rating—probably from 10 to 15.

The court found Robnett guilty of the general court-martialing conduct, becoming a naval officer and a gentleman. In order to do this, they were obliged to convict him of the two supporting specifications, namely, aiding and abetting Paymaster Auld in the election of Dr. Edward Spencer Cowles, a regularly invited guest at the hospital of December 11, and of applying a profane and abusive epithet to Dr. Cowles over a telephone on December 12.

Court Had No Alternative.

It was pointed out by naval experts that there was no alternative. Officials contended that the court-martial was legally bound to convict Robnett, in view of the fact that he admitted on the witness stand Monday that he used the profane phrase to Dr. Cowles.

Furthermore, he wrote a letter a few hours after the verbal clash over the telephone, in which he apologized to Dr. Cowles for using one term, but reminded the recipient that whatever he said about him personally he meant. This alone, according to the claim of Maj. Catlin, the judge advocate, was sufficient for a conviction.

## TO ABIDE BY THE FINDING.

Father of Paymaster Auld Not to Appeal  
to Civil Courts.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The navy department has not yet completed the review of the Auld court-martial proceedings and no decision has been announced.

Joseph Auld, father of Paymaster Auld, who was convicted yesterday morning, but he was unable to ascertain the verdict of the court-martial.

Mr. Auld has evidently convinced himself of the futility of appealing from the decision to the civil courts, for he said last evening that whatever the verdict he would abide by it. He has evidently satisfied himself that civil proceedings would be a waste of time and money.

Whatever the verdict, the sympathy of the service is with Paymaster Auld, but he would prefer that sympathy. It is held, should he try to seek vindication through the civil courts. The navy does not take kindly to the idea of an officer attempting to override a military tribunal. Mr. Auld has not asked the help of the Vermont delegation in any way.

The rumor that the navy department would issue a writ prohibiting the navy yard dances in the future is not taken seriously. No one in Washington has considered that action, nor is it likely that the entire service would be denied a rational form of amusement because there was an unpleasant incident at one dance.

ATTACK LESS THAN  
48 HOURS DISTANT

2,500 Troops, Led by General Chamorro,  
Within Forty Miles of Managua,  
Practically No Forces to  
Withstand Attack.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Feb. 9.—An attack on Managua within forty-eight hours, certain, as General Chamorro has withdrawn from Bluefields and is marching at the head of 2,500 troops, now less than forty miles from the capital. The main body of Madrid's army is held at Santo Domingo by General Menz's forces, and there is no opposition worthy the name to withstand Chamorro's attack.

ANOTHER EPISODE  
IN THAW CASE

Isn't Properly Treated at Matteawan,  
He Thinks, and Would Like a  
Change.—No Attempt to  
Secure Release.

Nyack, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Harry Thaw is about to show that he is not properly treated at Matteawan. Supreme Court Justice Tompkins has appointed William Van Aine as referee to hear the evidence and decide whether he should be transferred to another asylum. Justice Tompkins denied this was an attempt by Thaw's attorneys to get his release on the grounds alleged.

## WON HIS BET.

Coffroth Made \$1,000 by Reaching Price  
Last Night.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9.—James W. Coffroth arrived in San Francisco at 9:20 o'clock last night. He won his bet of \$1,000 made with a member of the National Sporting club of London that he could reach this city in ten days from London. He had a margin of two hours and 40 minutes.

HUNGRY WOLVES  
DEVASTATING COUNTRY

Authorities Must Send Troops to Pro-  
tect Inhabitants from Animals  
Driven from Mountains by  
Extreme Cold.

Rome, Feb. 9.—The authorities have been asked by the inhabitants of Piemonte, in northern Italy, to send troops to exterminate the hordes of starving wolves which are devastating that region. A large number of the people have been killed and an immense number injured by the animals, which have been driven from the Apennines by the extreme cold.

HUGE PLANT  
DESTROYEDBrighton Abattoir Was Burned  
Early Today

## WITH LOSS OF \$500,000

Great Quantity of Dressed Meat Roasted  
Beyond a Turn, and Hundreds of  
Cattle Saved by Being Turned  
Loose in Streets.

Boston, Feb. 9.—The Brighton abattoir, the largest in the state and to which cattle were sent from all over New England to be slaughtered, was destroyed by fire this morning, causing a loss of \$500,000. The property was owned by the Armours, the Boston firemen, who were called, had a difficult time of it extinguishing the fire, because of the firemen with which the fire in the abattoir burned, and not until they had been fighting for four hours were they able to finally quench the flames.

The abattoir was occupied by a large number of cattle, which had recently been brought there to be slaughtered, and the streets were filled with hundreds of the creatures, who were turned loose in order to save them from burning. But while the firemen were able to save the live animals, they could not prevent the destruction of the meat in the big plant, and 250,000 pounds of dressed meat was burned up.

Michael Eagan and two other men, whose names are not known, are believed to be in the ruins of the abattoir. Eagan was last seen on the top floor of the building, when the structure collapsed. This morning a search for him was without avail.

## THREE FIREMEN OVERCOME

And Nearly Drowned in Fire in Boston  
Last Night.

Boston, Feb. 9.—Three firemen narrowly escaped being drowned in the basement of the building at 725 and 727 Boylston street, after having been overcome by various carbons broken during the progress of a serious fire last night. The firemen were rescued by comrades after a hard struggle through the water which was waist high.

The men were Capt. Madison and Hosemen Griffin and Kennedy of engine 20. The men were affected by the gases for a time and it was finally necessary to send Capt. Madison to the Relief hospital for treatment. The rescuers were Hosemen Whalen and Gould, fellow of the same company.

The fire was in the building occupied by the F. H. Thomas company, manufacturers of surgical supplies. The cause of the fire is unknown, and the damage is estimated at about \$30,000, the most of which is sustained by the Thomas concern. Other occupants in the building suffered damage from smoke and water.

BARNSTABLE SAVED  
BY SHIFT OF WIND

Two Buildings in Center Guttered by Fire.  
Bucket Brigade Made Up of Every  
Available Man Fights  
Flames.

Barnstable, Mass., Feb. 9.—One of the most destructive fires in this town in years occurred last night and for a time threatened to wipe out the village center, until a sudden shifting of the wind came to the aid of the firefighters.

The 1½-story building owned by Alfred Crocker and occupied by the New York & Boston dispatch express company, and the 1½-story building used as a general store by William W. Paine, were completely gutted. The residence of James W. Holmes and the millinery store of Mrs. Hinkley, on the other side of the main street, were saved with great difficulty.

The fire started about 6:30 in the dispatch company's office, presumably from an overheated stove, though that is not definitely known to be the cause. There is no fire apparatus and hand extinguishers and a bucket brigade were put into service, every available man in town assisting.

It was not until about 3 o'clock, when the wind changed, that the fire was gotten under control.

Jack Doyle, agent for the dispatch company, lost his own effects and with \$200 that he had put away. Mr. Paine, who is known as the "blind bromide maker" and is agent for the Globe, saved little, his stock being practically a total loss. There was no insurance on any of the property.

The damage is estimated at \$60,000, but may exceed that figure.

## FIRE AT BATH, ME.

Hooker Building in Heart of the Busi-  
ness District Burned.

Bath, Me., Feb. 9.—Fire of unknown origin last night destroyed the Hooker building, Vine street, in the heart of the business district, resulting in a loss estimated at about \$17,000, with insurance of about only \$10,000.

Only by the hardest kind of work, the Shannon house, at one time the home of William King, Maine's first governor, was saved from the flames. The fact that the wind blew the flames away and that there was a break wall on the Hooker building nearest the hotel, was all that saved the historic

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The dead: Bessie Ryan, aged 21 years.

The fatally injured: An unidentified man.

The accident was caused by the car leaving the rails and plunging along, until it collided with the abutment of a Boston & Albany railroad bridge. The car struck the abutment with such force that it was smashed into splinters, while the occupants of the car were thrown in every direction and covered with the debris. When the work of rescue had been completed, it was found that, in addition to the dead and dying, fifty people had been injured, forty of whom were brought to the House of Mercy hospital in this city. These forty were named and told, but it is not thought that any of them will die.

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Former Quarryman Here Had Heard  
That the Trouble Was Ended and  
That There Was Work.

Essex Junction, Feb. 9.—While attempting to board a freight train in the shed of the local railroad station yesterday Joseph Crane of Lockport, N. Y., received injuries that will probably result in his death. He is at the Fanny Allen hospital.

The accident happened as a south-bound freight was pulling out on track No. 3. There it but little space between this track and the shed wall and Crane struck this obstruction and was thrown to the ground. In the fall his clothing caught on the car truck and he was dragged about three rods and almost buried from sight in a snow drift. As baggage-master William Fisher was leaving the station some time later he heard groans and found the injured man in this position.

Physicians who were summoned ordered the man taken to the Fanny Allen hospital, where it was found that the upper part of his spine was fractured, causing paralysis of the lower limbs. It is thought that he cannot live.

Crane is about 40 years old and says that his only near relative is a brother, Edward, in Lockport, N. Y. He had cards from the quarrymen workers' international union branch in Rochester and said that he had worked in that place and in Barre. He has spent the past week in Burlington. He was comportedly dressed but had no money. He expected to find work in the Barre quarries, having heard a false report to the effect that the strike had been settled, and was endeavoring to steal a ride to that place when the accident happened.

## TWO OPINIONS.

Read at Yesterday Afternoon's Session  
of Supreme Court.

At yesterday's session of the Vermont supreme court Judge Watson handed down two decisions, the first being in the case of Allie F. Fairbanks & George F. Fairbanks vs. Julius Harvey, a Windsor county case in which a bill in chancery is the cause of litigation. Judge Watson's opinion affirmed the judgment of the lower court and remanded the cause.

The second decision was in the case of United States of America vs. Guaranty company, a Chittenden county action, in which the judgment of the lower court awarded \$1243.92 to the plaintiff. On exceptions by the defendant the case came to the supreme court and Judge Watson's opinion affirmed the judgment of the superior court.

## BOTH HANDS FROZEN.

Springfield Man Will Lose at Least Five  
Fingers.

Springfield, Feb. 9.—John La Plante, a middle aged man employed in town, was taken to the hospital at Hanover, N. H., yesterday afternoon, where it will be necessary to amputate all the fingers on one hand and perhaps part of them on the other. Mr. La Plante left Springfield Sunday afternoon for Charlestown and became unable to protect himself from the cold.

He was seen by Charlestown people Sunday afternoon but none thought that he was in any danger. At the time for the midnight car to come to Springfield he was taken on it and it was found that both of his hands were frozen stiff. He had lain down somewhere and the cold had frozen his hands.

## TO TEST THEIR COWS.

Farmers of Franklin County to Form  
Cow Testing Association.

St. Albans, Feb. 9.—Between 40 and 50 farmers met here yesterday afternoon for the purpose of forming a cow testing association. W. K. Warner presided and read an article by Prof. Richard on the advantages of an association of this kind. A general discussion followed this paper, and when the constitution was passed around for signatures, 16 of those present affixed their names to the paper. Twenty-five names are necessary to form an association, but the farmers are confident of getting the remaining number of signatures. The 16 signers represent a total of 750 cows.

## SUICIDE'S MOTHER COMING.

Autopsy on Body Showed That He Took  
Carbolic Acid.

Burlington, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Lillian C. Young of York, Maine, mother of Herman C. Young, who committed suicide Monday evening, has been notified by telegraph and W. B. Austin of that place is on the way to Fort Ethan Allen for the body. The post-mortem examination showed that Young had taken a large dose of crude carbolic acid from a bottle which was on shelf in the saddle room and used for an antiseptic. Young managed to drink the poison without burning his mouth or lips at all and there was no odor so that the surgeons did not know what he had taken until the examination disclosed the acid.

## SHOPLIFTER JUMPS RAIL.

"Gold Tooth Girl" Has Been Arrested  
in Boston 17 Times.

Roston, Feb. 9.—In the city police court yesterday afternoon Gertrude Yates, otherwise known as Gertrude McPherson, and to the police of many eastern cities as the "gold-tooth girl," was defaulted, and her sureties, amounting to \$300 will be sued. The McPherson woman has been arrested in Boston 17 times, but escaped conviction in most of these cases.

She was found guilty yesterday by Judge Murray of shoplifting furs valued at \$60, from a department store, and her case went over to the afternoon session for sentence.

## Notice to Checker Players.

A special meeting of checker players  
will be held in the dean rooms to-night  
at 7:30 o'clock to make the final arrange-  
ments for the defense of the state cham-  
pionship board. All players are cordially  
invited. For order secretary.

CUTTERS KEEP  
COMMITTEEWould Not Listen to Their  
Resignations

## AS PRESENTED YESTERDAY

Following Action of Barre Branch in  
Refusing to Accept the Bill Agreed  
on by the Committee  
of Conference.

The prospect of an early resumption of work in the granite industry of Barre is much more encouraging to-day than the action taken at yesterday's meeting of Barre branch would seem to indicate, and it is considered possible that work will be resumed in all plants in this granite district within a week.

Prior to yesterday, the conference committees representing the granite cutters and the manufacturers had held long and almost continuous sessions for several weeks, and when they separated Monday night the committees representing the granite cutters felt that they had secured every concession it was possible to get from the manufacturers, and the committees representing the manufacturers felt that they had conceded all their organization would possibly stand for. The settlement agreed upon by the two committees is said to be as good and better than any other in New England, and while its terms have not been made public, it is understood to be on the basis of 40 cents an hour for three years and 40¢, cents for the two years following, with provisions as to the "bumper" that are satisfactory.

The conference committee from Barre branch recommended and spoke in favor of this settlement at yesterday's meeting of the union, but to no avail, as the meeting rejected the settlement by a vote of 640 against to 385 for it. Evening and again to 385 for it. Even though the union did not have faith or confidence in them, the members of the conference committee then resigned, but the meeting refused to accept the resignation.

There is a feeling, however, that another meeting might act differently on the proposition. If it will not excuse its committee, it must listen to it, and in view of this it is expected a union meeting will be called to-morrow or next day.

The manufacturers at their meeting took action on the agreement, but sealed the vote until the result of the union meeting was learned. As the union rejected it, the vote of the manufacturers was not declared.

The committees representing the tool sharpeners and the polishers met committees from the manufacturers at last evening, and practically completed their agreements. The same were submitted to their respective unions at meetings held this afternoon.

## ARTICLE REPUTATED.

Trade Unionist Committee Not Responsible  
for Yesterday's Letter.

The trade unionists' political committee met last night in the Nichols block and prepared a list of names to be presented to a mass meeting of trade unionists to-night as possible candidates for municipal offices in Barre; and if the meeting to-night so decides, the names will be presented at the citizens' caucus Thursday evening.

There was also considerable adverse discussion of the article which appeared in yesterday's Times, signed "Trade Unionist," relative to alleged conditions in municipal affairs in Barre, as a result of which discussion the following letter was written:—

"Editor Barre Daily Times: At a meeting held last evening by the committee of twenty recently elected by a mass meeting of trade unionists to look after the preliminary arrangements for the coming city elections, the article printed in yesterday's Times, signed 'Trade Unionist,' was the subject of a lengthy discussion, and while organized labor may have something to say later on through a press committee, the undersigned was instructed to inform the public through The Daily Times that the article in question did not emanate from, nor does it represent, the sentiment of the committee.

"Dan J. Sullivan,  
Sec. pro tem."

## MASS MEETING TO-NIGHT

Of Unionists to Discuss City Election  
Candidates.

There will be a mass meeting of trade unionists in the Nichols block to-night at 7:30 o'clock; business, city election. Alex. Ironside, chairman, and James Mutch, secretary.

## HENDERSON—LESLIE.

Two Singers of Bijou Unite Their Lives  
as Well as Their Voices.

Miss Bertha Edna Leslie of St. Albans, daughter of Joseph C. Leslie of that city, and Cornelius T. Henderson, singers at the Bijou moving picture theatre, were married at the Episcopal rectory, 89 Washington street, last evening, just before the evening performance at the theatre. Rev. W. J. M. Beattie officiating. The groom's residence is Amsterdam, N. Y. They will reside for the present in the Currier building on North Main street.

## Burlington Democrats Start.

Burlington, Feb. 9.—The first of the ward caucuses for the spring election was held last night. The Democrats of ward six, one of the largest and most influential in the city, reannounced John F. O'Neil for alderman and Attorney V. A. Bullard for school commissioner.